

REMARKS

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/752,788. The continuation application contains the identical text as the originally-filed parent application, except that:

- at the top of page 1, the Express Mail number and date have been changed to reflect the current filing
- paragraph numbers have been added to the specification, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.52(b)(6) (2003).

Objections To The Title and Specification

In the parent application, the Examiner objected to the title as not sufficiently descriptive. Applicants have amended the title as done in the parent application, although it is recognized that the title has no bearing on the scope of the claims. Applicants have also amended the paragraph under the heading "Field of the Invention" in an effort to clarify that paragraph, although this amendment also has no bearing on the scope or nature of the invention.

New Claims 21-46

Claims 21-46 are pending in the present application. Claims 21-46 have been added by the present amendment. Claims 21-46 are similar to, but broader than, the allowed claims of the parent application. Claims 21-46 are directed to methods of generating and screening for one or more high free energy forms of a compound, element or mixture.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 21-46 are allowable. The Examiner is invited to telephone the applicants' undersigned attorney at (312) 775-8202 if any unresolved matters remain.

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Respectfully submitted,

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